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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR PARADISE MANAGEMENT INC.'S, KOOSHAREM MINE, PIUTE COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE

NO. M/031/002

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTION 2. TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SLBM, PIUTE COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Paradise Management Inc.'s Koosharem Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: Portions of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 2 West, SLBM, Piute County, Utah.

Paradise Management, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand an existing small mining project to a large mining operation. Reclamation surety will be provided to the Division for the proposed project disturbance. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 16 acres of (federal) land.

During Operations: There are no permanent structures associated with this operation. A berm or fence will be placed between the Forest Service road (public access to Box Creek Res.) and the pit wall to keep people off the pit high wall. Available topsoil is stripped and stockpiled in strategic locations to be used for reclamation. Overburden materials are also stockpiled. Clay is mined by ripping and dozing into stockpiles within the pit. The clay is then loaded into semitrailers and hauled to market.

After Operations: All areas affected by this operation will be reclaimed. All equipment will be removed. Slopes of pit walls and waste dumps will be reduced to a 3h:1v slope. Disturbed areas will be ripped and 10-12 inches of topsoil will be reapplied. Topsoil will be amended with 5 ton/acre of composted manure. Areas will be seeded with an approved seed mix designed to meet the postmining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat.

The person representing the company is Mr. Don Fullmer; Phone (435) 743-5848. Paradise Management, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

STATE OF UTAH

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Paradise Management, Inc.'s Koosharem Mine project, M/031/002 to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the // day of March, 2004 to:

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